GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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COCAINE CONSUMPTION
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the International Narcotics Control Board has expressed concern on illegal cultivation of cannabis in India as reported in the National Herald dated March 09, 2007;

(b) if so, the facts thereof and the reaction of the Government thereon;

(c) the quantity of cannabis and other drugs seized during each of the last three years;

(d) whether the diversion of licity cultivated opium, some opium and poppy husk continue to be diverted to illicit market in the country and smuggled into other countries;

(e) if so, the details in this regard; and

(f) the steps taken by the Government to curb such activities?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)
(a) & (b): The International Narcotics Control Board in its report for the year 2006 mentioned that in South Asia cannabis is also a problem that should not be overlooked. Wild growth and illicit cultivation of cannabis has been reported in the States of Manipur, Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Himachal Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Jammu & Kashmir. Drug law enforcement agencies constantly make all efforts to identify and destroy such illicit cultivation.

(c): The quantity of cannabis and other drugs seized during the last three years as reported by various drug law enforcement agencies are as under:

(Qty. in Kg.)

Drug	2004	2005	2006
Cannabis	144055	153660	149277
Hashish	4599	3965	3848
Opium	2237	2009	2792
Heroin	1162	981	1163

(d) & (e): Seizures made and reports received indicate diversion of licit opium and poppy husk to the illicit market. However, there are no reports of these being smuggled into other countries.

(f): The Government has taken a number of steps to check, detect and prevent illicit trafficking in Narcotics Drugs and Psychotropic Substances. These are given in annexure.